Town of Rowe – FY2010
Board of Selectmen
Minutes – Thursday, March 25, 2010 – 6:00pm

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Bill Loomis.

Present: Selectmen Bill Loomis and Paul McLatchy III; Town Coordinator Ellen Miller

Also Present: Finance Committee members: David Dvore, Anne Besgen and Susan Wood

DPW Mower: DPW Supt. Taylor (present) informed Selectmen that unfortunately when he purchased the new John Deere tractor he purchased the wrong mower. To trade in the mower and purchase the correct one will cost $15,000. Mr. Taylor stated that he really needs the proper mower to take care of the roadsides. This will enable all roads to get trimmed each year, which hasn't been accomplished for several years. The Selectboard asked Mr. Taylor to attend next week's meeting to discuss this further.

FY2011 DPW Budget:

- **Wages:** Supt. Taylor wanted to clarify that he was requesting a wage increase for his crew for performance reasons. He then gave a history of his wage and salary changes since joining the DPW in 1977 and as DPW Supt. starting in 1999 when Pete Brown retired. After a lengthy discussion It was reiterated that would be no increases for FY2011.
- **Road Reclamation:** Supt. Taylor will obtain information about road reclamation. It is possible that an exclusion may be sought for this project. Reclamation would begin with Zoar Road at Charlemont line.
- **School:** Chair Loomis reported that the School Committee will meet with Selectboard on April 13th to discuss possible budget changes. Ms. Miller reported that school proposed salary/wage increases for FY2011 = $35,000.

Possible Wind Turbines: Ms. Miller informed the Selectboard that two individuals from Quabbin Wind met with Building Inspector Bill Foster today to discuss a possible wind turbine project in Rowe at the Richard & Dorothy Gary property on Cyrus Stage Road. Project specifics: Tower height 246', total height approx 315', 900 kWH, located 450' from Cyrus Stage Rd (up behind Reardon property), 20' dirt access road angled so site not visible from road, net metering, exempt from RE tax—but will pay in lieu of taxes, give electric credits to town, education program with Rowe School students, assist town in "green community" qualification. A second individual also attended the meeting to briefly discuss the possibility of installing a 500-650 kWH wind turbine at the Carey property on Stone Hill Road (his alternate site is the Brines property on Potter Road). Quabbin Wind will contact Ms. Miller about attending an Energy Committee meeting to discuss their plans.

CIP: The Selectboard voted to have the Selectboard and Finance Committee jointly take possession of maintaining and updating the CIP. It was stated that for continuity sake updating of the document would be done by Ms. Miller.

Energy:

- **MLC/Siemens:** The Selectman voted unanimously to approve and sign Pay Request #4 for Municipal Leasing Consultants (for Siemens Invoice #5) in the amount of $126,373.30 (see attached)

Tax Refunds: Tax refunds as follows were unanimously approved by the Selectboard:

- **Real Estate:**
  - Marion Avery, 245 Zoar Road — $319.88 — Senior exemption
  - Judith Pierce, 37 Brittingham Hill Rd — $298.43 — Senior exemption
  - John Rossi, 54 Brittingham Hill Rd — $ 52.72 — Overvalued
  - Shirley Veber, 3 Pine Hill Dr — $291.28 — Senior exemption
  - Martin/Eleanor Woodward, 15 Stone Hill — $330.95 — Senior exemption
- **Personal Property:**
  - Earl Carlow, 42 Ford Hill Rd — $ .56 — Overvalued
  - John Rossi, 54 Brittingham Hill Rd — $ 17.39 — Overvalued
- **Motor Vehicle:**
  - Donna Flagg, 245 Leshure Rd — $ 60.73 — Sold vehicle

Police Log: None

Minutes: None submitted

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 25th at 6pm.

Adjournment: The Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen B. Miller, Town Coordinator

Approved:

William A. Loomis, Chair

Paul McLatchy III

[Vacant]

June 22, 2010
Date Approved

Documents:

- Agenda
- MLC Pay Request #4
- RE Tax Refunds
- PP Tax Refunds
- MVE Tax Refunds